

Deep Down Discussion Sheet

use with all THREE lessons

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response activities
for deeper learning**P.1***Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games*

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and discuss their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their response games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, however much or little you have.

<p>BIG QUESTION</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>What Is God's Love for His People Like? More than They Could Ever Deserve!</p> <p>God has a special people He loves. They come from all over the world. They've lived in every time --from long ago, all the way up to today. And there are millions and millions of them! There is nothing better than being one of God's special people! God has adopted them as His children. He promises to love and care for them always. He gives them special closeness with Him in their heart; and one day when they die, they will go to live with Him forever. God's people know His love for them is more than they could ever deserve. They know God didn't make them His special people because they were so good. They are sinners who have disobeyed His good laws, just like everyone else. God just loves them just because He loves them. God's love for His people is the biggest love there will ever be. It's so big that God sent His Son, Jesus, to suffer and die on the cross to pay for their sins. That was the only way they could become His people. You and I can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is God's love for His people like? <i>More than they could ever deserve.</i> 2. Where are God's special people from? <i>From all over the world and from every time people have lived.</i> 3. What have God's special people said sorry to God about? <i>Their sins.</i> 4. Who have God's special people trusted in as their own Savior? <i>Jesus.</i> 5. How long does God promise to love His people? <i>Forever!</i> 6. What is better than being one of God's special people? <i>Nothing!</i> 7. Did God make them His special people because they were so good? <i>No. He loves them because He loves them.</i> 8. What must we do, if we are to be God's special people? <i>Turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</i>
<p>BIBLE TRUTH</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p>	<p>It's More than They Could Ever Deserve...God Will Never Stop Loving His People!</p> <p>Our love for others changes. Sometimes we love others a lot. Sometimes we don't love them very much. But God's love for His people is not like that. God's love for His people never changes. God loved His people before they loved Him or even knew Him. He paid for their sins through Jesus' perfect life, when He suffered and died on the cross. He adopts them as His people, when they turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. Nothing will ever stop God from loving His people! They are bound in love to Him through Jesus, and that is a love that will never, ever end! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does our love for others stay the same or change? <i>It changes.</i> 2. Does God's love for His people change? <i>It never changes.</i> 3. Did God love His people before they loved Him? <i>Yes, He did.</i> 4. Did God love His people when they first trusted Him? <i>Yes, He did.</i> 5. How long will God keep on loving His people? <i>Forever!</i> 6. What can stop God from loving His people? <i>Nothing!</i> 7. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>

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THE GOSPEL	<p>What is God's good news for you and me? <i>The gospel! What is God's love for His people like? More than they could ever deserve...God will never stop loving them! Why does God keep on loving them this way, though they are all sinners who have rebelled against Him? It is because of Jesus! God sent Jesus to live the perfect life that we should have lived, but never did. On the cross, He gave His perfect life as the full payment for the sins of God's people so they could be forgiven and know special closeness with God as their Heavenly Father.</i></p> <p><i>On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had really beaten sin and death for them, once and for all! That's why God loves His people, even though they are sinners. And that's why His love for His people will go on forever and ever. Jesus paid it all! How wonderful it is to be God's people, loved forever by Him. You and me, we can know God's forever love, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. God will forgive our sins, too, and we will enjoy wonderful special closeness with God as His special people, now and forever.</i></p>
BIBLE TRUTH BIBLE VERSE Meaning Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<p>"I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy."--Hosea 2:19, ESV</p> <p>Learn a Little: "I will betroth you to me forever... in steadfast love."</p> <p>To be betrothed to someone is to make a special promise to love them always. Men and women in Bible times used to make special betrothal promises to each other before they got married. In the Bible, God tells us that He betroths Himself to His people. That means He promises to always love them. He will always be faithful to them. He will always love and care for them. He will always be righteous and just in how He treats them--that means He will always love His people by doing the right thing. He will never do anything evil or treat them badly. He will always show them mercy and treat them with tenderness and kindness. The Bible also tells us that at the end of time, all of God's people will live with God forever. Jesus will be like the bridegroom who greets his bride on his wedding day with great joy and begins his life with the one he loves. There will never be anything better than this life with God! We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does betroth mean? <i>Making a special promise to love someone always.</i> 2. What does it mean that God betrothes Himself to His people? <i>He will always love them.</i> 3. What is God's love like? <i>It is perfect. It is tender and kind. He only does good to His people. It's always just what they need.</i> 4. How can we become God's people? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior. He loves to answer these prayers! Ask Him to help you!</i>
BIBLE STORY Discussion Questions <i>choose a few</i>	<p>The Case of the One Who Would Not Stop</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Today we learned something about God's love for His people. We learned that God Will Never Stop Loving His People. Who knew this is our story today? <i>David.</i> 2. How did thinking about God's love help David do great, good things? <i>He knew that God would take care of him. He thought about how great God's love was for him, as one of His people, and he delighted to do great, good things to show others how great God is.</i> 3. How did thinking about God's love help David in bad times? <i>God helped David see his sins, turn away from their and ask for His forgiveness...and God, in His great love, did!</i> 4. How did thinking about God's love help David in sad times? <i>God's love comforted him when there was no one else to comfort him.</i> 5. What did David look forward to most of all? <i>To the day when he would live with God forever in heaven. How close he would live to God, enjoying all of His love for him, as one of God's people! This would be best of all!</i> 6. How can we become God's dearly-loved people, like David was? <i>By turning away from our sins and trusting in Jesus as our Savior.</i>